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REMARKS

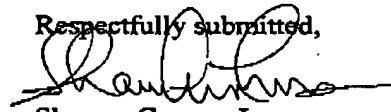
Applicants appreciate the thorough examination of the present application as evidenced by the Office Action dated June 17, 2005 (hereinafter the "Office Action"). Applicants also appreciate the allowance of Claims 11-20, 21, 23, 25 and 26 and the indication that Claims 2-10, 14 and 22 include patentable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten as indicated in the Office Action. *See Office Action, pages 4-5.*

In response, Applicants have rewritten Claim 2 in independent format to include the recitations of Claim 1, and consequently, Applicants have canceled Claim 1. Applicants have further amended Claim 20 to depend from Claim 11 instead of Claim 21 as suggested in the Office Action. *See Office Action, page 3.*

At least in view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims have thus been placed in a condition indicated allowable by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that all outstanding rejections to the claims be withdrawn and that a Notice of Allowance be issued in due course.

The Examiner is invited and encouraged to contact the undersigned directly if such contact will expedite the prosecution of the pending claims to issue. In any event, any questions that the Examiner may have should be directed to the undersigned, who may be reached at (919) 854-1400.

Respectfully submitted,

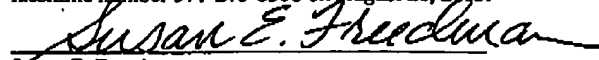


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